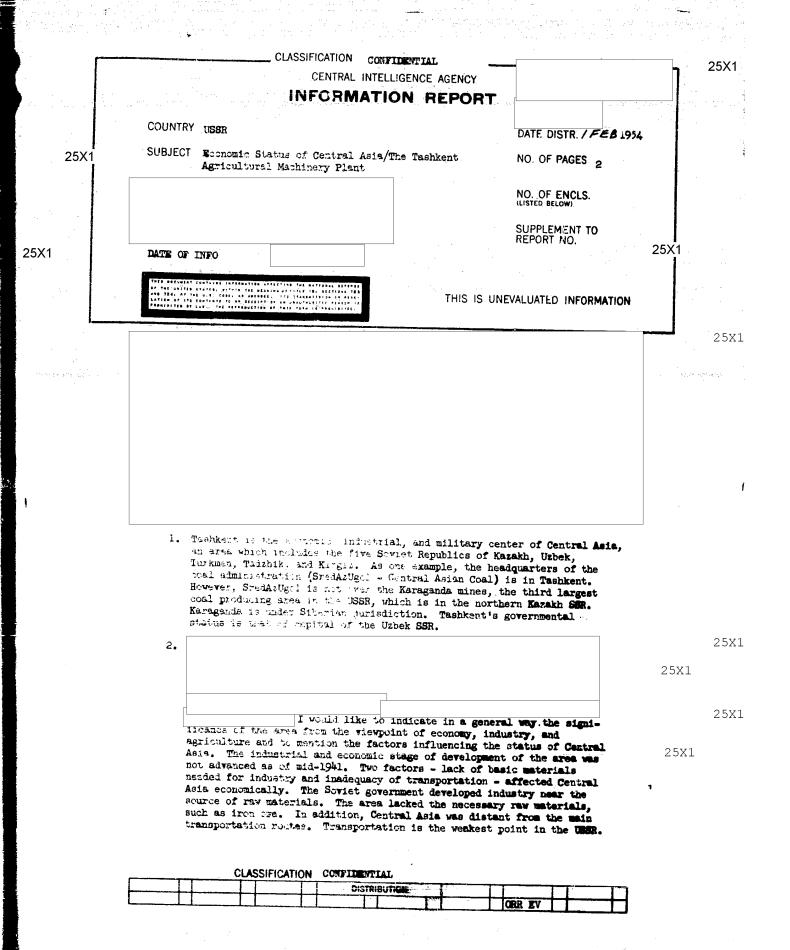
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By 1935, transportation was far behind the development of industry and of the general economy. One of the main reasons for the poor living conditions and the difficulties encountered in the industrial and economic fields was the lack of transport.

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3. An example of how lack of transportation haustrung industrial activity was furnished by the Tashkent Agricultural Machinery Building Plant (Tashselmash - Tashkentski Zavod Selskovo-Khoriastvenovo Machina Straieniya). This factory was constructed during the period 1929-32. It was designed to build agricultural machinery, particularly for the cotton-growing areas of Turkestan, and, during times of war, to produce light weapons. However, because of the shortage of railroad equipment, the necessary iron and coal could not be transported to the plant. As a result, Tashselmash, during the period 1933-51, worked usually at only from 3% to 5% capacity. At most, it operated at 10%. Buring World War II the plant did turn out such military items as mortars, hand greendes, and antitank greendes. More railroad cars were available then in the eastern USSM, as they were removed before the advancing German Army. Plants were avacuated to that area.

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